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Applicants: Rui Mei et al.

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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed 5/12/2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending rejections and reexamination of the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Applicants respectfully petition for a 3-month extension of time within which to respond to the Office Action.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

*RESPONSE
NOTED*

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